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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Philippe MONJAUX

Serial No.: 09/988,016

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For: SPARK GAP DEVICE FOR HIGH-POWER ELECTRICAL GENERATORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 to 7 as follows:

4. (Amended) A spark gap device for a high-power electric generator as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said device (7) is a high-voltage, multi-gap spark device operating in air at atmospheric pressure or at higher pressure, the gap between the main electrodes being controlled by a spacer (10).

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5. (Amended) A spark gap device (7) for a high-power electric generator as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the dielectric (2) consists of thin insulating layers.

6. (Amended) A spark gap device (7) for a high-power electric generator as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the protecting insulator (4) is provided by a high-voltage cable.

7. (Amended) A spark gap device for a high-power electric generator as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the trigger electrode (6) is a rigid tube.

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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 7, as amended, remain herein. Claims 4 to 7 have been amended hereby.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Up of Amended Claims

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4. A spark gap device for a high-power electric generator as claimed in ~~any of the above claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said device (7) is a high-voltage, multi-gap spark device operating in air at atmospheric pressure or at higher pressure, the gap between the main electrodes being controlled by a spacer (10).

5. A spark gap device (7) for a high-power electric generator as claimed in ~~any of the above claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the dielectric (2) consists of thin insulating layers.

6. A spark gap device (7) for a high-power electric generator as claimed in ~~any of the above claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the protecting insulator (4) is provided by a high-voltage cable.

7. A spark gap device for a high-power electric generator as claimed in ~~any of the above claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the trigger electrode (6) is a rigid tube.